



SDDC CONNECTION

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Special points of interest:

- SAVE THE DAY FOR PARTNER'S CONFERENCE
- Find out how coalition members are making a difference for diabetes in South Dakota
- Why be a part of a coalition?
- Priorities for SD, what SDDC said was important
- Partners connect with one another

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Priorities Set for Diabetes in SD

SDDC members were surveyed in January, 2008 and through their responses, priorities were determined for implementation of the strategic plan for diabetes in South Dakota. These priorities are to:

Identify diabetes mortality and morbidity indicators

Identify barriers to diabetes care

Develop a plan to enhance access to quality care and education.

Monitor data about access, availability, and quality of diabetes healthcare

Utilize available data sources to determine areas of need

Facilitate partnerships for the integration and sustainability of diabetes care

Use evidence-based practice

Identify partnerships for continuing education

Compile a list of all available data sources

Identify data initiatives to address data gaps and limitations

Develop and promote needed resources for screening, case finding, referral, and follow-up systems

Determine target audiences for diabetes campaigns

Promote use of the professional and general public diabetes-awareness displays

Develop a partnership to establish an annual reporting process

Convene "Partners' Conferences" to facilitate continued collaboration

Advocate for payment of diabetes self-management education

Compare curriculum content to the American Diabetes Association

Develop curriculum guidelines specific for health professional education

Develop a partnership to mentor professionals pursuing diabetes certification

Develop diabetes health-related campaigns

SDDC Partner Profiles Connect Members

Partners want to connect and network with one another to better serve the state of South Dakota, and one way to do just that is to develop a Partner Profile registry.

Coalition members were asked to not only supply

their contact information but were asked about interests in the area of diabetes. Coalition members can learn about the interests of one another, and connect with their colleagues in mutual interests and projects as the needs

arise.

"We want partners to connect with one another, become invested in one another, and join together to make a difference in diabetes care in South Dakota", states Colette Hesla, RN, BSN.

2nd Annual SDDC Partner's Conference Occurring This Fall in Oacoma, SD



Mark your calendars and set your planners to be in Oacoma, SD on September 23, 2008.

Partners who attended last year had a great time networking and setting the stage for the newly formed South Dakota Diabetes Coalition. And Magda Peck kicked off the coalition with thought provoking inspiration and a lot of fun too.

Attendees from last year stated "I loved the networking and am re-charged for my work in diabetes care" and "It was well worth the trip out here. I felt like my time was well spent".

This year's topics include the state of diabetes care in SD, data and surveillance—what you need to know, what you don't, and how to use it effectively, and a spotlight on South

Dakota State University/ University of South Dakota's Partner's in Health Promotion project regarding diabetes care and management in SD.

In addition, we will be refining the coalition from formation stage to movement stage, and your input and ideas brought to the conference will shape that vision and direction.

More information to come.

"A small, thoughtful group of people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has"

Margaret Meade, anthropologist 1901-1978

What are the Benefits of Coalitions?

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The benefits of coalition building go beyond increased power in relation to the opposition.

Some other key advantages to coalition building include:

A coalition of organizations can win on more fronts than a single organization.

A coalition can bring more expertise and resources to complex issues.

A coalition can develop new leaders.

A coalition will increase the impact of each organization's effort, resources, and relationships.

A coalition raises public awareness.

A coalition can build a lasting base for change.

For more on coalitions see Brad Spangler's article at: <http://www.beyondintractability.org/action/author.jsp?id=24548>

Coalition Partner Spotlight



Cause a ripple, be active in your coalition.

Watertown Area Diabetes Coalition has been in existence for 5 years and has been passionate about it's mission to promote the knowledge and understanding of Prediabetes, Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes and to promote the health and wellness of people affected by these diseases in the Watertown area.

The coalition members have screened thousands of area residents for diabetes, spoke in 8 schools on "Taking Care of Kids with Diabetes in School", organized 2 professional education conferences, distributed 500 "Diabetes Welcome Bags" with information for new patients with diabetes distributed to clinics for distribution, participated in numerous health fairs, and has

been affecting positive change in diabetes care in the Watertown area through the building of partnerships. This summer's projects included distribution of the South Diabetes Recommendations Guidelines for health care professionals in the Watertown area. "We are excited to distribute these manuals to our providers" stated coalition member, Pam Fieber, CNP.